



What is this program?

The Mandel Myers Fellowship is a unique program to encourage Jewish Cleveland's college students to work at Jewish overnight camp and develop into future Jewish leaders. This pilot program has two important components:

1. a rich curriculum centered around applied professional and leadership development, deep Jewish learning explorations, and intentional networking opportunities to connect the experience of working as overnight camp counselor to career skills.
2. A \$5,500 or \$4,500 college scholarship to offer many future Jewish leaders a meaningful opportunity that may have previously been too financially burdensome or unaffordable to them.

When does the program begin?

The program will launch the summer of 2022. Stay tuned for exact dates of the program and the release of the application for the program.

Who is this program for?

This program is for students who:

1. Identify as Jewish
2. Live in the Greater Cleveland, Ohio area
3. Have a signed employment contract with an eligible Jewish overnight camp for the full summer 2022 session (see list below)
4. Are enrolled full-time in a four-year accredited university for Fall 2022 seeking a bachelor or master's degree.

OR

1. Identify as Jewish
2. Have a signed employment contract with Camp Wise, a program of the Mandel Jewish Community Center.
3. Are enrolled full-time in a four-year accredited university for Fall 2022 seeking a bachelor or master's degree.

What is the scholarship amount?

Participants who successfully complete their summer at camp and actively participate in the professional development programming will receive \$5,500 (for counselors returning for a full summer) or \$4,500 (for new counselors that work for a full summer) towards college.

What if my camp only offers half summer employment?

For camps that only offer half summer employment, a prorated scholarship will be awarded.

What if I am enrolled in a gap year program following my summer at camp?

For students enrolled in a gap year program, you are eligible to defer your scholarship until you start your first year at university or college.

Is this a needs-based scholarship?

No, this scholarship is an investment in all rising Jewish Cleveland leaders who make a commitment to being a camp counselor at an eligible camp regardless of financial situation. If you meet the criteria above, you are eligible for this scholarship.

Do I have to attend all Fellowship sessions?

Yes, the Fellowship sessions will build on each other to create the full fellowship experience. Fellows must attend all sessions.

Do I have to complete my summer at camp to receive the scholarship?

Yes! This fellowship requires that students complete a full summer camp counselor experience to develop all relevant skills.

Which camps are participating in program?

Camp Stone

All Ramah Camps

Camp Wise, Tamarack Camp, Emma Kaufmann Camp, Eden Village Camp

All URJ Camps (Goldman Union Camp Institute, Camp George)

All B'nai B'rith Camps

All Young Judea camps

All Habonim Camps

Beber Camp

Camp Yavneh (non-movement-affiliated pluralistic camp)

Camp Havaya (affiliated with the Reconstructing Judaism movement)

*Other *One Happy Camper*-approved inclusive camps with intentional Jewish education curriculum that are not on this list may be eligible for review.

When will scholarship funds be sent?

Scholarships funds will be sent to your university or college for the 2022 fall semester.

When does the program begin?

Applications for the program opened on March 15th and will close on April 15th. The first Fellowship Session will take place on Sunday, May 15th. The second session is scheduled for Tuesday, August 9th. A final virtual session will take place in Late August.

When will the Fellowship sessions take place?

The Mandel Myers Fellowship program sessions are scheduled as follows:

- Sunday, May 15th 10 am – 6 pm, in person, Cleveland, location TBD.
- Tuesday, Aug 9th 10 am – 6 pm, in person, Cleveland, location TBD.
- Late August (Day TBD) – virtual reflection celebration

Attendance at all three Fellowship sessions is required to receive the Fellowship. Please make every effort to attend the sessions in person. Some camps are still in session during the second program session and accommodations will be made for those fellows. Virtual make-up sessions are available for students who cannot be in Cleveland on May 15th or August 9th. Email Leah Taylor at LTaylor@jewishcleveland.org for more information

Where can I get more information about this program?

For questions regarding general information about the Mandel Myers Fellowship Program, please contact Leah Taylor at ltaylor@jcfcleve.org. For questions regarding the application and scholarship logistics, please contact Jessica Rosenblitt rosenblitt@jfsa-cleveland.org.